REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 6, 8-9, 11-12 and 15-16 have been amended. Claims 10 and 19 have been cancelled without prejudice to filing in a later application. Claims 21 and 22 have been added. Upon entry of this amendment claims 1-9, 11-18 and 20-22 will be pending in this application. The amendments are supported by the application.

Applicants' claims in the parent application were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by United States Patent No. 6,139,883 to Gbur et al ('883) and/or were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being anticipated by United States Patent No. 6,139,883 to Gbur et al ('883) in view of United States Patent No. 5,601,716 to Heinrich et al ('716). Both the Gbur and Heinrich references disclose only a multilayer web material. In fact, the Heinrich reference is restricted to a heat sealable web material having at least two layers. The present amendment clarifies that the embodiment of the invention claimed therein is restricted to a web material of the non-heat seal type having only a single layer; and excludes multiple layer web materials. The Gbur and Heinrich references neither teach, nor suggest such a single layer, non-heat sealable web material.

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In summary, Applicant has addressed the items raised within the previous Office Communication. It is believed the application is in condition for allowance, and prompt favorable action thereon is respectfully solicited.

If the Examiner is of the opinion that the application is not in condition for allowance, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner contact the undersigned by telephone to arrange a telephonic interview prior to issuance of a first Office Action on the merits.

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